Service Date: September 21, 2001

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER OF MONTANA POWER)	UTILITY DIVISION
COMPANY, Application for Approval of Tariff)	
Provisions for Electric, Natural Gas, and)	DOCKET NO. D2001.7.95
Propane Services, Allowing Recovery of)	
License, Franchise, Right-of-Way, and Similar)	ORDER NO. 6376
Fees, Taxes, Rentals, and Like Charges Assessed)	
by Local Governments, from the Customers within)	
the Boundaries of the Local Government)	

FINAL ORDER

On July 27, 2001, Montana Power Company (MPC), filed before the Public Service Commission (PSC) an application for approval of a tariff which would allow MPC to recover certain local government fees (e.g., license, franchise, privilege, right-of-way, and similar fees, taxes, rentals, and charges) through rates charged to MPC customers within the boundaries of the local government imposing the fees. The proposed tariff would be applicable to MPC's electric, natural gas, and propane service.

On August 8, 2001, the PSC publicly noticed MPC's application through a Notice of Application and Intervention Deadline. In accordance with that notice the deadline for intervention and comment was September 6, 2001. No person has requested intervention or filed comments.

The PSC hereby approves MPC's application. MPC, in accordance with its proposed tariff, may recover local government fees through rates charged to MPC customers within the boundaries of the local government imposing the fees. The proposed tariff will be applicable to MPC's electric, natural gas, and propane service. MPC is directed to file tariffs (compliance filing) in accordance with this order.

Done and dated this 18th day of September, 2001, by a vote of 5-0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

	GARY FELAND, Chairman	
	JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman	
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	BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner	
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	MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner	
	BOB ROWE, Commissioner	
ATTEST:		
Rhonda J. Simmons Commission Secretary		
(SEAL)		

NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. <u>See</u> 38.2.4806, ARM.